push up production costs" regarding higher energy consumption in fertilizer plants set up in collaboration with Snam Progetti; and

(b) the energy consumption in such plants in comparison to other similar plants of similar capacity manufactured in collaboration of different companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The current energy consumption in ammonia plants set up in collaboration with Haldor Topsoe and the plant set up in collaboration with M.W. Kellogg is given below:—

Plants set up with Haldor Topsoe technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)	Plant set up with M W Kellogg technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)
Thal	8.78	Hazira	8.802
Vijaipur	9.01		
Aonla	7.54		

Non remittance of income/sales tax dues by NCCF.

2651. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Manager (West) and Controller of Finance and Accounts of NCCF wilfully avoided remittance of income/sale tax dues as per Government rules in 1979-80 forcing Government to lodge punitive action to realise the due amount; and

(b) whether Government have initiated disciplinary action against the officer(s) regarding this deliberate and wilful neglect of Government provisions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The income-tax authorities assessed tax liability of NCCF in 1984 for the accounts of the year 1979-80 ignoring their claim for losses. Subsequently, the income-tax Appellate Tribunal allowed the appeal of NCCF and an amount of Rs. 17 lakhs so paid became refundable. Obviously, there was no wilful avoidance of payment of taxes on the part of the NCCF.

Sales tax are being paid by the respective branches of NCCF and no default in the matter has come to the notice of the HQs.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Janata Toilet soap in Bombay by NCCF

2652. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government assigned role of distribution of Janata Toilet soap, a highly subsidized item, to NCCF through member cooperatives in Bombay for Public Distribution;

(b) whether large quantity of the said item (worth Rs. 10 lacs) was diverted by the concerned Regional Manager and Branch Manager of Bombay to private trade through non-member stores and the manufacturers also complained repeatedly; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the responsible officers and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF was nominated by the Central Government in 1985 as the Central distributive agency for Janata Toilet soap for sale through fair price shops/State Civil Supplies Corporations and Co-operative outlets.

(b) The Janata Toilet soap was distributed by the NCCF Regional Office Bombay to State level Consumer Federations leading Consumer Cooperative stores and cooperative outlets including non-member cooperative stores. NCCF had received a complaint in 1986 alleging diversion of Janata toilet soap to private trade. The complaint was vague and could not be verified. Thereafter no complaint was received by NCCF.

(c) Does not arise.

Labour Courts in Rajasthan

2653. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour courts in Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of cases pending in the courts as on 30th June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The Government of Rajasthan have intimated that there are one Labour Court, one Industrial Tribunal and five Labour Courts-cum-Industrial Tribunals in the State of Rajasthan. The total cases pending in these Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals as on 30th June 1988 was 7025.

New varieties of Rice

2654. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed extraordinary and high yielding "Super Fast Rice" suitable for drought prone areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the same has been experimented in any drought affected area and if so, with what results?

(d) the number of high yielding varieties of rice developed by this Institute so far; and

(e) what is the impact of these new varieties in the production of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Super Fast Variety, 'Heera' (CR 344-1-2) released in Orissa State (1988) matures in 65-70 days and yields 2.5—3 t/ha. It is resistant to blast tungro virus, gall midge and is suitable for upland drought prone areas of Orissa.

(c) This variety has shown good performance in the demonstrations conducted on farmers' fields in Kalahandi. The yields ranged from 2.5 to 3.0 t/ha of paddy.

(d) Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed and released 41 rice varieties so far for different rice growing situations of the country.

(e) The exact statistics on the impact of these new varieties on total rice production are not avaliable. However, the new varieties have been widely accepted and have become very popular.

Import of paper, LDPE Foil etc.

2655. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tetrapak is now in wide use and if so, the quantity of paper, LDPE foil used in 1987-88 indicating number of packages used for different products like milk, soft drinks, fruit drinks, vegetable oils etc.;